PRESIDENCY TO DEPEND UPON WET ISSUE

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INCOME TAX ON STOCK DIVIDENDS ILLEGAL

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1920.

SCRAP-SHIP-BOARD PLAN **TO CUT TAXES \$1,700,000,000 ENDORSED BY SENATOR EDGE**

Will Press Bill to Sell Ships and Plants at This Session.

MEANS A GREAT SAVING.

scieves Evening World's Suggestion Will Be Approved by Congress.

By Martin Green. (Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World)

WASHINGTON, March 8.-Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey is in complete sympathy with The Eve-Senator Edge said:

"Of course, this is an estimate, but I think it is as accurate as an estimate can be, in view of the conused condition of the interests held by the Government in shipping. It may amount to more than \$1,700,000,-

ment marine must be done by this agest single question of economy ore Congress

AY TO SAVE AT LEAST A BILLION IS OPEN.

"There is no dispute about the necessity for lowering taxes. War taxes in peace time amount to oppression.

"We are confronted with a budget of \$5,000,000,000 for Goverament expenditures. Obviously, we cannot raise that sum from the people unless we increase taxes or issue more bonds.

"Right at hand we have the obvious initial tax lowering project, which is to take the Government out of the shipping business. There appears to be no doubt that we can put \$1,000, 000,000 at least back into the funds of the Government by that step, and it is the duty of Con-

gress to do it. "I have no criticism to make of the commerce Come, tee of the Senate. of which I am a member, or of the Senate. The methods of enacting egislation were adopted long before came here, but I cannot get accuscomed to the delays attending prosedure in the Senate, and as soon as the bearings on this question are concluded I am going to urpr speedy action. I believe can draw a two and a half page bill which will define the policy of the Government in relation to the merchant marine and outline the machiners by which that policy is to be exputed.

"I would have the Government zell the ships, all the ships owned by the Government, including those in course of construction. We are asked to spend something like \$400,000,000 to complete ships rest year. The contracts should pe cancelled and the ships turned ever to private owners, who can: finish them to suit their purposes

and designs It is not my behef that the Govnment should too water the ships

300 PUPILS MARCH FROM SCHOOL FIRE; WOMEN PUT IT OU

Teachers' Brigade Fights Biaze Komp, nineteen, son of Frank With Tin Wash Basins and Buckets.

Remembering that seven classes of in session on the floor below, Miss Government ownership and operation, matic fire alarm, and then notified the principal, Miss Hester A. Roberts. who sounded the fire drill call.

> Led by their teachers the youngsters got their clothing and marched out of the building, without confusion or panic

agrees before the end of the fiscal deck and were licking the ceiling of with it. At the fourth blow young car-June 30. I think I am con- the class room before the volunteer Komp coused the struggle, rubbed ervative in saying that this is the fire fighters got to work, but the blaze his eyes and looked in evident amazesoon was mastered and when the fire-men arrived only a rulned desk, some charged phoes on the wall and some charged phoes on the wall and some charred places on the wall and some ers of the fire.

Two pupils of the grammar departnent assisted the teachers with hand LEGION OFFICIALS extinguishers.

The Fire Marshal will investigate the fire, as no explanation of how the fixmes started has been advanced.

POLICE MAY CARRY GUNS ARMY STYLE.

Commissioner Enright Approves Suggestion Advanced by Magistrate McAdoo.

policemen, especially those on night this month and that he proposed to suggest that it formulate "a definite and volvers outside their coats after the fashion of the army officer. In answer to Chief City Magistrate MsAdoo's recent letter the Commissioner said the sidered scheme for financing any plan rideration.

In his letter, Magistrate MsAdoo aserted that Patrolman Immen, who was shot by burniars, might have been appared had his revolver been in posi-tion for quick action.

SEVERAL HURT IN WRECK. Northern Express on Pennsylvania

wrecked at Millport Station to-day. passengers were injured when all the cars of the train were de-

BEAT OFF IRISH ATTACK.

One Hundred Armed Men Assail Barracks in Limerick. LIMERICK, Igeland, March 5 .- One undred men armed with rifles and high

explosives made an attack fasting an hour on a police larracks at Doon, near Witem toolay took an automobile

IN DREAM, YOUTH SHOOTS PARENTS

Then Struggles Out of House and Fights Them in Deep Snow.

WAKED BY BLOW

Mother Brings Him to His Senses by Striking Him With Pistol.

their home last midnight and otherwise injured them during the struggle and profits accruing after

The elder Komp is in the hospital caher in Pcublic School No. 10, at with a bullet wound in the shoulder, caused by blows and bites. Mrs. Komp, at her home, has two wounds upon the head, one apparently caused other discovered a lively blaze in the desk by a builet. The son, charged with

Brooklyn, N. Y., a few months ago. effective. Company, electrical goods manufac-

their son was at a table reading a and computed.

said, but in a dream he had a struggle excited children remained as remind- with a party of men who had entered

SPLIT OVER BONUS

Member of Executive Committee Wants All Proposals Withdrawn opposite." and Other Policy Outlined.

WASHINGTON, March 8 .- A serious mistake was made by the American Legion in presenting its proposals for soldier relief in the form in which it did, the House Ways and Means Committee was told to-day by Col. E. Lester Jones, a member of the Legion's Police Commissioner Enright to-day executive committee. He said the far absorbed in the business as to change has witnessed in years. The approved a suggestion that New York executive committee would assemble render it impracticable to separate first report was that the Supreme

> an estimate some months ago he bad found that about 350,000 former solders desired an opportunity to take over

ENDS LIFE WITH POISON.

Body of Woman Believed an Actress Found in Rooming House.

The body of a woman, known as Ger HLMIRA, N. Y., March & The trude Whitman, forty years old, was Northern Express on the Central Divi- found this morning by a chambermuid sion of the Pennsylvania Railroad was employed in the rooming house at No. 203 West 94th Street when she entered the room to make the bed. The body was lying on the bed. By its side was a bottle, the contents of which will be sent to the city channel for analysis.

Drs. Crist and Brophy of the Harlem Hospital pronounced the death a sui-

WILSON MOTORS AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, March & President the get there. I believe we should here, early this morning.

The police resisted with rifles and Wilson and Dr. Grayaon.

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withdraw. None of the police was in
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problem.

FIGHTING BURGLARS STOCK DIVIDEND TAX ILLEGAL;

Supreme Court, By 5 to 4, Declares Law of 1916 is Unconstitutional.

EXCITEMENT IN MARKET

Erroneous Reports Result in Wild Price Fluctuations On Exchange.

WASHINGTON, March &-Stock dividends may not be taxed as in-

tice Pitney rendering the majority another in the hip and lacerations opinion, Justices Holmes and Day

The Komp family moved here from dividends since the 1916 law became mins bill which will guarantee the Mr. Komp is the head of the Lansden officials said to-day the exact total of their property value. The effect of When the parents retired last night known until all claims had been filed tion of the roads, with the probable

decrees denying the authority of Congress to tax stock dividends, and \$1,367 paid under protest on 1,100 and While they were going out Miss family, barefooted and in hight mary, 1916, as a stock dividend from

the act.

he and that determination of the ques- of 1913. tion involved affects thousands of in-

The decision of the court was 5 to 4: Justices Holmes and Day dissenting in one ground and Justices Clarke and Brandeis on another.

Justice Pitney, in his majority opinion, said a stock dividend "is in es- Prices Drop, Costing Speculators sense not a dividend, but rather the

"No part of the assets of the company is separated from the common fund," he said, "nothing distributed profits by the commany, but profits so

rather to postpone such realization, started and prices broke sharply. in that the fund represented by the new stock has been transferred from affected more than any other stock by several States for its enforcement, surplus to capital, and no longer is the decision broke from 195 to 191 in available for actual distribution.

nothing from the company's amets the country. It took more than an for his separate use and benefit; on hour for the report to he corrected the contrary, every dellar of his As soon as the true import of the original investment, together with decision was understood buying be- Pamphlet on "The Price We Pay whitever accretions and accumulations and stocks bounded upward.

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Piece He Swallowed Months Age ward and sold at 290 before 130. Comes Out of His Foot-

Austin Tirimley, five, of Manchester, Conn., swallowed a piece of toothyick some time ago. Just when he doesn't having travelled through the body. Physicians say it would take several months for the toothpick to travel that The boy is the son of Mrs Elizabeth TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS and ser

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU,

RAILWAYS WIN SUI THAT OPENS WAY FOR HIGHER RATES

Supreme Court Orders Commerce Commission to Value Lines at Present Figures.

eral Government must refund millions ably will be used as the basis for of dollars in taxes collected on stock making rates under the Esch-Cumconsequence of higher rates.

The test suit was brought by the Kansas City Southern, backed by other roads, after its present estia revolver in each hand, firing at awarded to Myrtie H. Macomber mated valuation of its right of way shares of new stock received in Jan- commission. The road claimed that tion supporting the contentions of While they was good and it may amount to less. That Roberts organized a fire brigade. Solution to the Broken to use as a basis.

While they was good good and it may amount to less. That Roberts organized a fire brigade. Solution to the Rhode which, armed with tim wash basins into the deep snow. Mrs. Komp formia. which J. P. Morgan, Herbert L. Prutt fought the case on the grounds that Kentucky Federal courts, which upand others questioned the validity of the lower figure will be the basis for held prohibition, and which were rate making, instead of the higher brought to the Supreme Court by Court officials said the case was one one. The commission is now making George C. Dempsey, a New England of the most important at this term valuations of all roads under the act liquor dealer, and the Kentucky Dis-

MARKET IN WILD FLURRY ON FALSE DECISION REPORT

Thousands, and Then Soar When Truth Becomes Known.

An erroneous report on the Suexcept paper certificates that evidence preme Court decision in the stock an antecedent increase in the value dividend income tax case to-day reof the stockholders' capital interest suited in the most exciting price right to local self government. resulting from an accumulation of furctuations the New York Stock Exthem for withdrawal and distribution. Court had decided that stock divi-"Far from being a realization of dends were taxable as income. On profits of the stockholder, it tends this news a wave of selling was fourths of the several States.

Crucible Steel, which probably was "The essential and controlling fact port was flashed uptown and sent out also that the shookholder has received over private wires to every section of ALBANY SOCIALISTS' Within ten minutes Crucible Steel went from 191 to 205. A few minutes later it was quoted at 212. General TOOTHPICK THROUGH A BOY. Motors, which had broken from 279 to 264 on the false report, rushed up-

Brokers peported that they were absolutely unable to take care of their war work. orders. There was an enormous de-To-day the spilliter was mand for Crucible, American Woolen, B. Pierce. Augusta Croc. Charles H. taken from the youngster's right foot. Baldwin Locomotive and other stocks

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U. S. COURT HEARS STATES' FIGHT ON

Rhode Island and New Jersey Argue Against 18th Amendment Enforcement.

BREWERS JOIN.

Assert in New Brief Three-Fourths of States Did Not Ratify Amendment.

and whether the Volatead law, en-

found Rhode Island vigorously con-Internal Revenue Bureau reads a return of 5 1-2 per cent on testing Constitutional Prohibition this time and that it would not be state Commerce Commission's valua- States represented by Charles E. Hughes and the Anti-Saloon League New Jersey to-day will ask the

ourt for permission to bring a susimilar to that of Rhode Island.

The road are appeals from Massa

tilleries and Warehouse Company, Louisville. made the following contentions:

"The so-called Eighteenth Amendment as mere legislation was not at the White House within the authority verted in Con-

the Constitution. the reserved policy or governmental reply to Hitchcock, powers of the several States and their

necessary. "The so-called Bighteenth Amend-

ment has not been ratified by three-"The alleged Eighteenth Amendment vests concurrent power in the passage of the Volstead law.

CONVICTION UPHELD

Held by Supreme Court to Have Obstructed War Progress.

WASHINGTON, March 5 - The Suteners to prison of from tweive to threatened with invasion, or engaged New York thirty mouths of efficials of the Albany in war." (N. Y : Local of the Socialist Party for distributing propagands to obstruct adopted, practically without debute, and 10t, the grand total would be The Government consisted Clinton

York courts for circulating a pamphlet was seld to convey talss statement, or to 27, Holmes and Branding of an they have dust recent.

BEER AND LIGHT WINE ISSUE AND GIVE WETS THE VICTORY

Solid South, With New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio Counted on to Give 276 Votes in Electoral College, Ten More Than Needed.

By David Lawrence.

(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, March 8 (Copyright, 1920).-Prohibition has made its way into the strategy chamber of the political parties, with the prospect that the Democrats, at least, will consider seriously inserting a

damp plank in their platform. The leaders here are against the saloon, against whiskey, against a whether prohibition is a valid subject repeal of the Federal Prohibition Amendment, but in favor of a liberal interpretation of the laws and a less drastic enforcement act so that light wines and beers may be made in the home or bought like any other article of food, provided the beverages do not contain too muca

WILSON DEFINES

etts and Debate Limited on All But Two Sections-More Reservations Adopted.

WASHINGTON, March 8.- President Wilson will state his position on In his brief for the brewers, Root the Lodge reservation to Article X. probably to-day, it was announced

His attitude on this and other gress and the Legislatures of three-reservations will be outlined in a candidate on a platform containing decfourths of the States by Article V. of letter to Senator Hitchcock. He will "Article V. of the Constitution of not see Semator Simmons, as request- matter of laws relative to intoxicating the United States does not authorize ed by Senator Hitchcock, but write inquers. It will be note that in the any amendment which directly or in Senator Simmons telling him the first group are States of the Red principle tends to impair and destroy matter is sufficiently covered in his Solid South with certain border ...

On motion of Senator Lodge, the "It does not appear that two-thirds Senate agreed to-day, to limit deof the Houses of Congress deemed bute on all remaining reservations to this so called Eighteenth Amendment the peace treaty except those relating to Article Ten and to voting power in the League of Nations. Under the agreement no senator can speak more than swenty minutes on any single reservation ex-

cept the two named. With nine Democrats voting for it the following reservation on arma-

ment was adopted: "No plan for the limitation of armaments proposed by the council of the League of Nations under the Kentucky, which have shown a tenprovisions of Article 8 small be held dency to become Republican, the as binding the United States until Democratic strategists say the Equer the same shall have been accepted question would surely keep them by Congress, and the United States Democratic. But to continue with reserves the right to increase its the table; armament without coment of the council whenever United States is

Reservation No. 12 also was by a vote of 15 to 27. It protects the rights of American citizens having Zeitman and Churles Neison in New Interests is alien enemy property. Reservation No. 13, the labor noccutified. The Price We Pay," which tion, was adopted without debate, 44

> Teachers! Stelke Closes Schoolachois of Ridgefield are closed to-day. twenty-one of the twenty-three teachers having gone out on strike for an Asserted increese of \$200 in enlarge

Congress under the amendment to the Constitution can define what is inermining the per cent. of alcohol that ard and that the country would not uffer the cylls of wetness which the Anti-Saloon League preached so vigorously if the percentage were doubled

or even trebled the present amount. But the interesting phase of the question is the consideration given to a damp plank as a vote getter in the next elections. Could the Democrats carry the country by it?

HOW VOTES MIGHT BE AF-FECTED BY A LIBERAL PLANK. I present to-day a table of States which several Democrats of prominence have worked out and which they larations of a liberal character in the

firths ;

From the above group, it is true came the chief support for the Prohibition amendment: but as between a wet and dry issue and voting the Republican ticket, the negro problem is counted upon to keep the South safely Democratic. The South, moreover, has had State laws on the liquor question long before the Fed-

eral amendment was adopted As for Minnouri, Maryland and

Combining these two groups of 175 276, which is ten more votes than are

needed to elect a President of the United States. TEN STATES PLACED IN THE

DOUBTFUL LIST. But even if the four Eastern States were not assured, the Democratic wet advocates point to a carefully worked out list of doubtful States from which they would expect to acquire enough votes to make up for any tosses in Massachusetts, New York, New

Jersey and Ohio in that combin